



Long Beach Harbor Commission Approves Clean Trucks Tariff

Phasing out older trucks to bring significant air quality improvements

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Long Beach Harbor Commissioners today (Monday, November 5, 2007) voted to ban the oldest, dirtiest trucks from operating at the Port of Long Beach, through approval of a port tariff that will gradually limit access to all but the cleanest vehicles.

The tariff, which matches one enacted last week by the Port of Los Angeles, will cut air pollution from short-haul (or “drayage”) trucks working in the harbor by nearly 80 percent within five years.

The tariff is based on a progressive ban of the oldest trucks. The schedule is:

- October 1, 2008: All pre-1989 trucks will be banned from Port service.
- January 1, 2010: 1989-1993 trucks will be banned along with unretrofitted 1994-2003 trucks.
- January 1, 2012: All trucks that do not meet the 2007 federal standard will be banned.

“With this clean truck program, the Port of Long Beach has taken a major step forward for clean air,” said Long Beach Harbor Commission President Mario Cordero.

“The Commission’s action will allow the Port of Long Beach to achieve steady progress in the effort to reduce air pollution. It’s a sensible plan that will help to aggressively clean the air while continuing the efficient movement of goods in and out of the Port,” said Richard D. Steinke, Port of Long Beach Executive Director.

The Los Angeles Harbor Commission approved a similar tariff at its November 1 meeting.

The tariff’s ban will rely on an electronic identification system such as RFID – Radio Frequency Identification. RFID tags or similar technology will be placed in trucks and tag readers will be installed at Port terminal gates to ensure access only for clean trucks.

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